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Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2009/78) on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification[2] dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (see annex).

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.

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Annex

[Original: Russian]

Note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2, dated 6 April 2009, which communicated a proposal by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (hereinafter the Single Convention of 1961), has the honour to convey the following:

Through ratification of the Single Convention of 1961, States parties undertook an obligation to limit the trade and use of narcotic drugs exclusively to medical and scientific purposes.

They also agreed that effective measures against the abuse of narcotic drugs require coordinated and universal action. Cocaine and coca leaf are listed as narcotic drugs in Schedule I, which is an annex to the Single Convention of 1961.

The Russian Federation has consistently supported maintaining and strictly complying with the current international legal narcotics control regime. In accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention of 1961, the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations hereby informs the Secretary-General that the Government of the Russian Federation does not accept the proposal by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend the Single Convention of 1961.